

# Automated External Defibrillators

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is an automated external defibrillator?**

Automated external defibrillators (AEDs) are medical devices that are used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. AEDs can analyze an unconscious person's heart rhythm and if necessary, advise whether or not an electrical shock, or defibrillation, is needed to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

### **Does PCC have any AEDs? If so, what type?**

PCC has an inventory of approximately 75 AEDs. AEDs are available at all four campuses and many of PCC's centers, as well as Public Safety vehicles. PCC exclusively uses the Defibtech Reviver AED.

### **Where are the AEDs located?**

In a few cases, they are located in very specific areas where their presence is required, such as in/near physical education facilities or PCC's Dental program space. For the most part however, AEDs are located in publicly accessible locations at PCC such as hallways or other high-traffic areas. AEDs are also located in Public Safety's response vehicles. Posted emergency evacuation maps may show the closest AED to your work area.

### **Are AEDs required in every PCC building?**

There are numerous Oregon State laws, administrative rules and statutes pertaining to AEDs in schools, including specific requirements for community colleges, dental, health and physical education programs and/or facilities.

### **What department provides oversight for PCC's AEDs?**

Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) oversees purchasing, installation and ongoing maintenance/service of PCC's AEDs.

### **Who is trained to use AEDs at PCC?**

All uniformed Public Safety officers at PCC are trained in CPR and the use of AEDs.

### **Who should I call if I think someone is having a sudden cardiac event or other medical emergency?**

One should always call Public Safety at (971) 722-4444 for medical emergencies at the four campuses or the Willow Creek center. Personnel at other PCC centers should call 911 first followed by a call to Public Safety.